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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY EX-FONMIN PERDOMO

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3278 (DTG 062110Z JULY 1976)

BEGIN SUMMARY: EX-FONMIN PERDOME ISSUED A STATEMENT ON JULY 11 TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA EXPLAINING HIS CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR AND HIS "RESIGNATION" FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE STATEMENT SAYS HE RESIGNED FOR REASONS OF STATE WHICH ARE BEST NOT DISCLOSED AT THIS TIME. THE STATEMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY HIS CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PUT THE BEST FACE ON HIS ABRUPT AND UNCEREMONIOUS DISMISAL. END SUMMARY

1. EX-FONMIN ROBERTO PERDOMO PAREDES ISSUED A STATEMENT TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA EXPLAINING HIS CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR AND HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. PERDOMO STATES THAT HE ACCEPTED CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR'S REQUEST TO SERVE AS FONMIN BECAUSE OF HIS INTEREST IN SERVING HONDURAS TO SOLVE THE BORDER DISPUTE WITH EL SALVADOR. UPON TAKING OFFICE, HE STATES

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THAT HE FOUND NO FIRM DIRECTION IN THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS AND

CLAIMS THAT HE MANAGED TO GIVE DIRECTION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO SPEED THEM UP. PERDOMO COMMENTED THAT HE WAS GIVEN VALUABLE AID BY THE ADVISORS IN THE MINISTRY AND ALWAYS HAD THE BACKING OF THE CHIEF OF STATE.

2. PERDOMO SAID THAT HE RESIGNED BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES BEST NOT REVEALED IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. HE CLAIMS THAT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

HE STRICTLY FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CHIEF OF STATE AND THAT HE NEVER SACRIFICED HONDURAS' NATIONAL INTERESTS. HE STATES THAT HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE MINISTRY WAS NORMAL AND HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT HE HAS ANYTHINGS TO REPROACH HIMSELF FOR. THE STATEMENT CLOSES BY SAYING THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH EL SALVADOR CANNOT CONTINUE FOREVER AND HE HOPES FOR A JUST AND HONORABLE SETTLEMENT.

3. BEGIN COMMENT: PERDOMO'S PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY A "FACE SAVING" EFFORT TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT HE RESIGNED RATHER THAN BEING DISMISSED. AS REPORTED REFTEL, PERDOMO WAS ABRUPTLY RELIEVED BECAUSE OF THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL'S DISSATISFACTION WITH THE WAY HE WAS HANDLING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR.
END COMMENT

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